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Golden Gate University School of Law
San Francisco



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Welcome to Golden Gate University School of Law

Golden Gate University School of Law has a long-standing tradition of leadership in practical skills training and litigation. We are also proud of our student body diversity because we believe that training future lawyers with diverse backgrounds and experiences provides for a stronger, more inclusive justice system. Here, you will learn traditional legal knowledge, skills, and values, while cultivating wisdom, resilience, entrepreneurship, compassion, and a deep sense of justice. At Golden Gate University School of Law, you are empowered to change the world around you.

Rachel Van Cleave
Dean



Location Matters

Golden Gate University School Law (GGU Law), established in 1901, sits in the heart of beautiful downtown San Francisco, one of the most iconic tech and business centers in the world. Our campus, easily accessed by rapid public transportation, sits across the street from the biggest law firms and banking headquarters in the world. Walk to the country's biggest startup incubators, or the campuses of tech giants like Google and Twitter in the bustling hub of the financial district.

Studying law in a metropolitan area like San Francisco will expose you to a rich legal culture while you study alongside a student body that recently earned an A grade for its diversity by the *National Jurist*. GGU Law is also the proud university partner of the Golden State Warriors, who play a short BART ride away from campus. Walk to AT&T Park to watch a Giants game after class, or visit any number of San Francisco's parades down Market Street, just half a block from GGU Law's campus.

Location and culture matter. View our YouTube channel at <https://goo.gl/s7LTG6> and visit our campus to see the difference for yourself. Schedule your tour today by emailing our Admissions Office at lawadmit@ggu.edu.



GGU's location in downtown San Francisco is perfect. One semester I worked part-time at a law firm a few blocks from campus. When I was not studying, I surfed on the western edge of the city at Ocean Beach.

—Garrett Wheeler
College: UC Santa Cruz
Staff Counsel, California
Employment Development
Department
(JD '13)



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A National Leader in Practical Skills Training

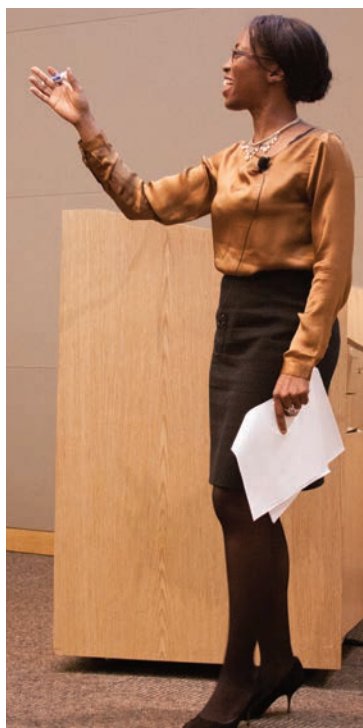
Golden Gate University School of Law has been repeatedly recognized by *preLaw Magazine* and the *National Jurist* as a regional and a national leader in litigation skills, practical training, and experiential learning. Our goal is to prepare our students to be critical thinkers, problem solvers, and leaders with the flexibility to respond to changes in the legal profession. To that end, practical skills training, a cornerstone of GGU Law's program, is fully integrated with legal theory throughout the curriculum to provide students with a holistic learning experience.

In addition, GGU Law has piloted Practice Intensive Courses that pave the way for a new form of legal education. Practice Intensive Courses engage students by assigning them tasks and roles directly tied to the substantive material. Faculty provide feedback throughout the semester to support improvement on practical skills by simulating actual legal practice, such as writing and presenting legal arguments before a supervisor or a judge.



One of the most important things that you can do in law school is to get practical experience.

—Jesshill E. Love
Partner, Ropers Majeski
Kohn Bentley
(JD/MBA '99)



Develop your courtroom skills alongside our expert faculty, including practicing attorneys and sitting and retired judges.



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Welcome to the Wall Street of the West

Taxation and Estate Planning are two of the fastest growing career fields for lawyers today, and GGU Law gives students an edge over the competition. Ranked 8th in the nation and best in California by *TaxTalent*, the largest online network for tax professionals, GGU Law's Taxation and Estate Planning curricula are known for their breadth and depth. Studying under experienced faculty, including retired judges, students gain an unparalleled foundation in the basics of federal, state, and local tax laws. Students also benefit from close ties to GGU's Braden School of Taxation, which features the 7th best Masters in Taxation program in the country according to *Jobs in Tax* and *TaxTalent*. One simply could not ask for a better alumni network.

Earn your joint JD/LLM (Master of Laws) degree in Taxation or Estate Planning in as little as seven semesters by enrolling in 12 units of approved Taxation or Estate Planning coursework. Students working toward their LLM will have the opportunity to take classes alongside seasoned tax practitioners who seek to enhance their professional credentials and their reputation in the taxation and estate planning communities. In law, networking is important, and GGU Law students have an edge.



GGU Law's LLM in Taxation program advanced my career by allowing me to take highly specialized courses in estate planning, charitable giving, and exempt organizations. I quickly established a wide circle of colleagues through the vast and active alumni network.

—Alyssa Snyder
College: University of Washington
Nonprofit & Tax Associate,
Coblentz Patch Duffy
& Bass LLP
(JD '10, LLM '13)



Pro Bono Tax Clinic

Students in our Pro Bono Tax Clinic have the opportunity to represent clients who have tax appeals pending before the California State Board of Equalization (BOE) alongside a supervising attorney. Supervising attorneys offer guidance and instruction on relevant issues while students work independently to draft briefs, to communicate with clients and opposing counsel, and to perform legal research for their clients. As a student, you may even have the opportunity to represent clients at appeals conferences and oral hearings, which operate similarly to a court trial. Join the Pro Bono Tax Clinic as early as your 2L year for your chance to gain real life experience representing clients in a real-world tax litigation setting.



I am a strong proponent of external internships and clinical experiences with law firms, private and non-profit entities, and the three branches of the federal and state governments. My goal is to create for the students as many of these connections and opportunities as I can. Classes with fewer students and a lot of guided role play provide know-how and confidence.

—Judge Marshall Whitley (Ret.)
Professor and Director of
the LLM in Taxation &
Estate Planning programs



San Francisco's financial district, the home of GGU Law, has been called the 'Wall Street of the West' due to its impressive banking and taxation presence. Location matters, and so does a supportive network. Come see what both can do for you at GGU Law.

Decades of Litigation Experience at Your Fingertips

Our nationally-recognized Litigation Center has launched the careers of distinguished trial attorneys for decades. Litigation courses are interactive, allowing students to practice advocacy skills such as interviewing clients, conducting cross examinations, and delivering opening and closing arguments before sitting judges.

Golden Gate University School of Law students participate in regional and national mock trial competitions, receiving rigorous training by expert faculty and well-known litigators in the area. Students can also participate in several internal competitions, with some available to students in their first semester of law school.



Learn from Professor Wes Porter, pictured left, Director of the Litigation Center at GGU Law, a former Assistant U.S. Attorney and a Senior Trial Attorney in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.



I had a great experience in 1st STEP with Professor Wes Porter. As a former JAG attorney, he pushes his students to work in a very regimented way.

–Sarah Yohay Eaquinto
College: Claremont McKenna College
Activities and Internships: Student Bar Association Secretary, Veterans Law Student Association President, GGU Law Representative to the Northern California Law Students Veterans Coalition, US Army Reserves, Army JAG Corps Summer Intern (JD '14)

MOCK TRIAL VICTORY LIST

Spring 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">25th Annual ABA National Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition (Chicago) – <i>Semi-Finalists</i>
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">San Francisco Trial Lawyers Trial Competition – <i>1st Place</i>San Diego Defense Lawyers National Mock Trial Competition – <i>Semi-Finalists</i>ABA Labor & Employment Mock Trial Competition Nationals – <i>Semi-Finalists</i>ABA National Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition (Chicago) – <i>Semi-Finalists</i>Capitol City Challenge (Washington, D.C.) – <i>Semi-Finalists</i>
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">CACJ National Criminal Mock Trial Competition – <i>2nd Place</i>San Francisco Trial Lawyers Trial Advocacy Competition – <i>1st Place</i>ABA Labor & Employment Northern California Regional Competition – <i>1st Place Winner</i> (advance to ABA Labor Nationals with Top 8 schools around the country)Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition – <i>Quarter-finalists</i>Capitol City Challenge (Washington, D.C.) – <i>Quarter-finalists</i>

FIRST-SUMMER TRIAL AND EVIDENCE PROGRAM (1st STEP)

Litigation comes to life in this immersive, eight-week summer program for select students who have completed their first year of law school. Specialized coursework and interactive exercises are designed to advance students' litigation and advocacy skills. 1st STEP classes include Evidence, Trial Advocacy, and a unique course called Evidence in the Courtroom, giving 1st STEP students a keen appreciation for effective client representation and successful courtroom advocacy. Applicants may be admitted to 1st STEP upon admission to the law school or during the spring of their first year.

At the Center of the World's Tech Hub

The Intellectual Property (IP) Law program at GGU Law brings together students, faculty, lawyers, judges and scholars to explore developments in the fast-changing world of IP law and policy. Learn from national experts like Professor William Gallagher, the founder of the only peer-reviewed academic IP Law Journal in the U.S., *The IP Book Review*, and Professor Marc Greenberg, a prolific author and leader in entertainment law and IP. With campus just a few blocks from dozens of tech incubators and major tech companies like Google, Yahoo, Twitter, and Zynga, GGU Law students have unparalleled access to the hottest IP developments in the world. Students learn from internships at major IP firms situated across the street from campus, or from our many IP seminars and events that take place at GGU Law, bringing in local and national leaders in IP to discuss new developments in the field.

Participate in the Intellectual Property Law Center, which offers an IP Mentorship Program and an alumni network database to keep current and former students apprised of IP events and job opportunities. The Center is led by faculty with extensive IP law experience, assisted by a distinguished advisory board of prominent attorneys from Bay Area law firms, in-house counsel, federal judges, and lawyers at the US Patent and Trademarks Office. With its proximity to Silicon Valley and close ties to California's entertainment centers, GGU Law's IP Law Center offers students excellent opportunities for research and training.



The IP Law Center

Work and learn alongside top IP law faculty, and attend our Distinguished IP Speaker Series, which brings high-profile IP newsmakers to campus for an evening lecture and reception. You may also participate in our annual conference, *Recent Developments in IP Law and Policy*, which attracts top speakers and panelists, including Stanford Professor Mark Lemley, USPTO Commissioner Lynne Beresford, and New Yorker IP Writer, Ken Auletta.

New students are invited to help kickstart our new IP law clinic, partnering with some of San Francisco's top IP law firms, which will provide legal assistance to some of the hottest tech startups in our backyard. Help build the future with the founders of GGU Law's IP center.



Doing More Than Just Thanking Vets

Students working with GGU Law's Veterans Legal Advocacy Center (VLAC) help military veterans with a variety of issues, including obtaining disability benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs and changing the status of their military discharge in order to obtain benefits lost due to the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder, discrimination, or other factors. Participating students conduct legal research into the validity of each claim, and they submit persuasive briefs to the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense in support of their case. Throughout the semester, students working under the supervision of a veterans' rights attorney conduct client interviews and work with clients to obtain all necessary information in support of the matter. Thus far, the Veterans Center, and the students that support it, have helped clients obtain thousands of dollars in benefits and upgrade their discharges to honorable conditions.

Join our Veterans Law Student Association (VLSA), a coalition of military reserve, veterans, dependents, civilians, and those who hope to serve in the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps, to shape policy in the Bay Area and in California. Each year, the VLSA works with the law school administration to host the annual Veterans Law Conference, which features great legal minds like former U.S. Supreme Court Clerk and retired Army Lieutenant General and JAG, William Suter, and California Supreme Court Justice Ming Chin, a Vietnam Veteran, to name a few. Students also have the option of working in support of San Francisco's newly created Veterans Treatment Court, which helps veterans get back on their feet through legal and medical support. Whatever level of involvement you choose, GGU Law will serve as the platform to allow you to make a visible, real-world impact on lives around you through your newly-acquired legal skills.



Working side by side with GGU law students and military veterans to assist veterans with legal issues has allowed our University to serve a deserving population in the Bay Area. From my personal experience in the VLAC program, I have witnessed students continue their growth into practicing attorneys and watched the transformation from student to advocate."

—Dan Devoy
Visiting Professor and
Director of the Veterans
Legal Advocacy Center
(JD '10)



GGU Law students, including members of the Veterans Law Student Association, give back to the Bay Areas veteran community. Join students like Nicole Suraci-Nguyen who are bettering the communities around them.

[The VLAC] worked on my claim and succeeded in doing what I and a member of Congress could not in forty years: they got the VA to finally acknowledge my service-connected injuries and to grant me VA healthcare.

—David Jackson
Navy Veteran



Don't Just Change the World, Protect it!

Golden Gate University School of Law's nationally-recognized Environmental Law Program offers students unparalleled opportunities to immerse themselves in this rapidly evolving practice area and to make a difference in the environment around them. Courses are focused on law and policy issues about climate change, renewable energy, land use, and water rights. Many faculty members and students are active in environmental justice and protection efforts, including recent work on the controlled demolition of Candlestick Park. Qualified entering students are chosen as Environmental Law Scholars, a distinction which includes a \$5,000 annual scholarship, faculty mentoring, and specialized career counseling.

Join the *Environmental Law Journal*, where students address environmental issues relevant to Pacific Rim countries, which frame GGU Law's Annual Environmental Law Symposium where your research may be presented. Students may also participate in the Environmental Law Society, which sponsors lectures and panels and conducts sales of eco-friendly products, beach cleanups, and other student-led initiatives throughout the year. Make a real, visible difference in the world alongside our renowned environmental law faculty.



Thanks to GGU's Environmental Law Program, each day I get to do the work I came to law school for at one of the most influential environmental advocacy organizations in the country.

—Kristin Henry
Senior Attorney, Sierra Club
(JD '06)

Photo left: GGU Law students at the annual Water Law Conference, a student organized event that features top environmental lawyers and scholars.

Opposite page: Professor Helen Kang and the ELJC played a large role in fighting secretive plans to implode Candlestick Park, which might have sent toxic particulate matter into bordering neighborhoods. The park was finally demolished by crane, an environmentally friendly alternative.



ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND JUSTICE CLINIC (ELJC)

For more than twenty years, the mission of ELJC has been to improve the environmental conditions for communities of color and low-income residents of the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. Students are trained to become clinicians who collaborate with faculty and staff attorneys, giving students the opportunity to interview and counsel clients on environmental issues, to develop effective legal strategies, negotiate with opposing parties, and to participate in litigation. Learn the practice of law, and have an impact on the community around you before you graduate by participating in the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic.

CENTER FOR URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (CUEL)

The Center for Urban Environmental Law focuses on policy and regulatory strategies to improve urban environmental conditions. The Center also develops law school curricula to ensure the next generation of lawyers is well versed in the implications of environmental law on air and water quality and the impact of climate change in urban settings. Study under Professor Paul Kibel, who has published ground-breaking research on water use law in California, as GGU Law works to change the way that we, and our laws, interact with the environment.



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Employment Law

Employment law and labor law are consistently ranked among the hottest practice areas in the legal profession for the past two decades. Golden Gate University School of Law welcomes students to help us grow employment laws protections for workers and businesses throughout California through litigation and legislative support.

Students may participate in GGU Law's flagship on-site clinic, the Women's Employment Rights Clinic. The Clinic trains students in litigation, allowing them to interview and represent low-wage workers in administrative and court cases, while also providing opportunities to work in policy advocacy. For example, the Clinic recently helped pass the Domestic Worker Bill of Rights (AB 241) in California, extending overtime protection to previously excluded domestic workers. In addition, GGU Law offers a wide range of courses in this area of law, including employment discrimination and labor law, taught by renowned practitioners. With a large network of GGU Law alumni practicing employment law in Northern California, students have many opportunities to learn from those working on the cutting edge of the law. *Become a force for justice at GGU Law.*



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WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS CLINIC (WERC)

The Women's Employment Rights Clinic of Golden Gate University School of Law, founded in 1993, believes that every worker has a right to decent wages and equal opportunity. In conjunction with community-based organizations, WERC advocates for the rights of low-wage and immigrant workers through direct service, impact litigation, and public policy work. The Clinic has recently focused its advocacy on domestic workers and caregivers. WERC also serves the dual purpose of training the next generation of ethical, competent, and socially-responsible professionals. Student clinicians, under the supervision of Professors Hina B. Shah and Stephen Rosenbaum, conduct telephone intakes; assess and investigate cases; interview, advise, and counsel clients; research and write substantive legal memoranda and/or legal briefs; and represent clients at administrative and court hearings. Students generally assist many individual clients during the semester and may have the opportunity to work with outside co-counsel in more complex litigation or to participate in legislative or regulatory advocacy.



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Individualized Attention, Specialized Focus

Golden Gate University School of Law provides a wealth of academic support resources, with counselors dedicated to helping you choose from a variety of specialized programs and courses. Whether your interest is in private or public practice, GGU Law gives your career a boost by offering diverse first year electives, prestigious field placements and externships, specialized certificates, and joint degree programs for students who want to further enrich their law school experience. Highly qualified students may also participate in our unique accelerator, the Honors Lawyering Program. For students seeking a part-time program, GGU Law provides flexible scheduling and support.

FIRST YEAR ELECTIVES

Designed to introduce first year students to the basics of legal practice through simulations and real-world problems, first year electives give students the opportunity to select one of more than a dozen courses that match their interests. Recent offerings include Ethics in Criminal Law, Supreme Court Litigation, Asylum Law, and White Collar Crime in Practice.

FIELD PLACEMENTS AND EXTERNSHIPS

All students must complete an experiential learning requirement prior to graduation. GGU Law's robust field placement and externship program offers numerous of opportunities for students to satisfy this requirement through our on-site clinics, simulation courses, or positions in law firms and advocacy organizations across the Bay Area.

SPECIALIZATION CERTIFICATES

Students may choose to focus their studies in one or more of these specialty areas:

- Business Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Litigation
- Public Interest Law



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I worked full time as an administrator at a major law firm throughout my time as a night student at GGU Law. I found time to volunteer, run marathons, and I still made the Dean's List.

–Bernie Thurman
Department Attorney,
Kilpatrick, Townsend
& Stockton LLP
College: UCLA
Activities and Internships:
La Raza Centro Legal,
New Directions Veterans
Legal Clinic, Moot Court
Board, Peer Mentoring
(JD '14)

“Our expert staff will support all of your career goals.”

*Pictured left:
Interim Assistant Dean of
Law Career Development,
Cynthia Chandler
(JD, Harvard '95)*

GRADUATE LAW AND JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

Golden Gate University School of Law allows students to earn joint JD and LLM (Master of Laws) or MBA degrees. Consistently ranked among the top LLM programs in California, GGU Law offers a wide variety of LLMs, including International Legal Studies, Environmental Law, Intellectual Property, and U.S. Legal Studies. Earn your LLM in Taxation or Estate Planning, consistently ranked amongst the top ten programs in the country and the best in California, while studying alongside seasoned tax and estate planning professionals. We also offer an SJD (Doctor of Juridical Science) in International Legal Studies.

Joint degree programs include the accelerated JD/LLM in Taxation or Estate Planning and the JD/MBA offered in partnership with Golden Gate University's Ageno School of Business, allowing students to complete an advanced degree in one additional year. Visit our website to learn more about our graduate law and our joint degree programs.

HONORS LAWYERING PROGRAM

Each year, a select group of highly-qualified students takes part in the Honors Lawyering Program (HLP). HLP combines seminar-style courses and client interaction with practical work experience through an intensive summer session followed by a semester-long fall apprenticeship. As a result of the program's innovative approach to experiential learning, HLP students gain a higher level of knowledge and expertise than traditional law students due to increased time with professors and advanced course material.

PART-TIME EVENING PROGRAM

The four-year, part-time evening program provides flexibility for students who work during the day, care for family members, or wish to lower their annual cost of tuition. Courses are taught by full-time faculty, and students attend evening classes just three days a week in their first and second year. This part-time schedule is tailored to meet the unique needs of commuters and working professionals. Visit our website to learn more about our customized part-time program, or contact our Admissions team to find out how we can work with you to tailor our program to meet your individual needs.



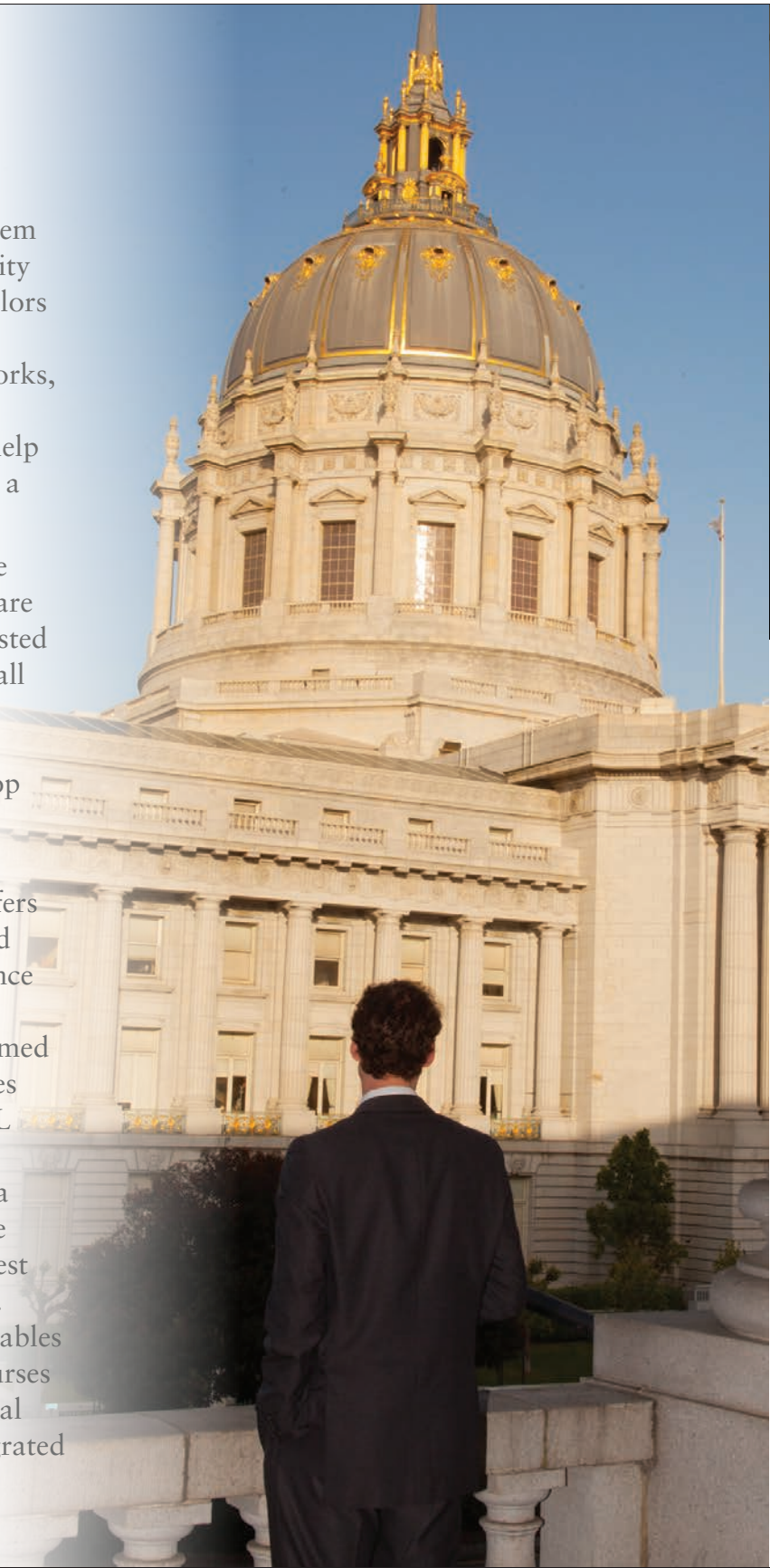
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Developing Your Career

Through innovative programs and personalized attention, GGU Law staff and faculty work closely with students to help them become practice ready. Golden Gate University School of Law's Career Development counselors are former attorneys from top schools who remain connected to their professional networks, working in close collaboration with the law school's externship program and faculty to help students find meaningful work experience in a variety of settings.

Faculty coaching is a unique aspect of the GGU Law experience. All firstyear students are paired with faculty coaches who serve as trusted advisors outside the classroom. Through small group meetings and other activities, faculty coaches will offer guidance to you as you navigate your first year of law school, develop your professional identity and interests, and build relationships in the legal community.

Our Academic Development Program offers supplemental services, including advising and individual counseling, to help students enhance their academic performance. Workshops are held throughout the first semester and are aimed at teaching students to succeed in their classes and adapt to the rhythms and demands of 1L curriculum. Golden Gate University School of Law also makes success on the bar exam a top priority, preparing students to master the substantive material and become confident test takers well in advance of their final semester. Our partnership with Themis Bar Review enables students to receive subsidized bar review courses after graduation and an array of supplemental bar preparation materials that are fully integrated with their substantive coursework.



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I worked as an advisor to international students for many years before applying to law school. By my third year, I had already represented a client in a housing dispute, externed for a Federal Magistrate Judge and the San Francisco Immigration Court, and served as a law clerk at an immigration non-profit.

–Ellen Jenkins
College: James Madison University
Asylum Officer,
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
(JD '10)

A few of the Employers that Participate in Summer Recruitment:

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| - Alameda County District Attorney's Office | - Outten & Golden LLP |
| - Andersen Tax | - Perkins Coie LLP |
| - Bledsoe, Diestel, Treppa & Crane LLP | - Reed Smith LLP |
| - DLA Piper LLP | - San Francisco District Attorney's Office |
| - Family Violence Law Center | - San Francisco Public Defender's Office |
| - Hanson Bridgett LLP | - Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office |
| - Internal Revenue Service | - Schoenberg Family Law Group, P.C. |
| - Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton | - Sedgwick LLP |
| - Legal Aid of Marin | - Solano County District Attorney |
| - Littler Mendelson PC | - Squire Patton Boggs |
| - Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office | - US Department of Labor, Employee Benefits |
| - Minami Tamaki LLP | - US JAG Corps |
| - Natural Resources Defense Council | - Villegas/Carrera |
| - Novak Druce Connolly Bove + Quigg LLP | - Wood, Smith, Henning & Berman LLP |



Our Alumni Community

Golden Gate University School of Law has a long history of training expert attorneys who go on to hold prominent positions locally, across the United States, and internationally. Bay Area courts, firms, corporations, and public interest organizations are filled with GGU Law alumni, many of whom return to campus as adjunct faculty or as guest speakers, eager to assist students with their professional goals. For example, a recent gift from alumnus Mark Burton (JD '95) now supports membership for all 1L GGU Law students to the Bar Association of San Francisco or to the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association. Find out what our alumni community is doing for our students by visiting our campus. Schedule your tour by contacting Admissions at lawadmit@ggu.edu.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PUBLIC INTEREST ORGANIZATIONS

Joan Blades (JD '80)
Co-founder, MoveOn.org

Ashley Eagle-Gibbs (JD '10)
Attorney, Lawyers for Clean Water

Peter Fowler (JD '84)
Senior Counsel, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

Karen L. Hawkins (JD '79)
Director, IRS Office of Professional Responsibility

Bill Hirsh (JD '86)
Executive Director, AIDS Legal Referral Panel

Jan M. Lecklikner (JD '78)
Deputy Public Defender, San Francisco

Michael Robertson (JD '04)
Deputy Assistant to the President, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, The White House

Christina Tetreault (JD '12)
Staff Attorney, Consumers Union

Matthew Wood (JD '07)
Staff Attorney, Transgender Law Center

Micah Wyatt (JD '09)
Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division

ON THE BENCH

Hon. Morgan Christen (JD '86)
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

Hon. Gail Dekreon (JD '81)
San Francisco Superior Court

Hon. Matthew Guasco (JD '84)
Ventura County Superior Court

Hon. Tamara Hall (JD '97)
Los Angeles County Superior Court

Hon. Alan Jaroslovsky (JD '77)
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California

Hon. Carol A. King (JD '84)
U.S. Immigration Court of the Executive Office for Immigration Review

Hon. Bob Oliver (JD '73)
Fresno Superior Court Judge

Hon. Elia Ortiz (JD '99)
Napa County Superior Court

Hon. Philip M. Pro (JD '72)
U.S. District Court, District of Nevada

Hon. Sandra M. Snyder (JD '76)
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

Hon. Carol Yaggy (JD '79)
San Francisco Superior Court

And many more!

BUSINESS AND PRIVATE PRACTICE

Rodrigo C. Aberin II (JD '05)
Corporate counsel at Mercedes-Benz Research & Development North America Inc. in Sunnyvale, CA

Alan Bayer (JD '01)
Partner at Bayer & Borlase

Romy L. Celli (JD '97)
Partner, Alston + Bird LLP

Charles R. Conradi (JD '78)
Treasurer and Vice President—Tax, The Clorox Company

Rod M. Fliegel (JD '93)
Shareholder, Littler Mendelson PC

James Ford, (JD 0'9, LLM '11)
Senior Domestic Tax Analyst, Salesforce

Jessica Hannah (JD '08)
Patent Litigation Counsel, Apple Inc.

Julia Harris (JD '10)
Director, Business & Legal Affairs, Paramount Pictures

Lane A. Kasselmann (JD '05)
Head of Communications, Uber Technologies, North America

Dawn M. Knepper (JD '00)
Shareholder, Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart PC

Joseph A. Meckes (JD '97)
Partner, Squire Patton Boggs

Ronald W. Miele (JD '84)
Executive Vice President—Business Affairs, Operations & General Counsel, Warner Bros. International Television

Richard B. Nettler (JD '77)
Partner, Arent Fox LLP

Daniel B. Pickard (JD '95)
Partner, Wiley Rein LLP

Rebecca Prozan (JD '03)
Manager, Public Policy Community and Government Affairs, Google

Richard Rosenberg (JD '66)
Former Chairman and CEO, Bank of America

Petra Tang (JD '96)
Partner, Berry Appleman & Leiden LLP

Elise R. Vasquez (JD '98)
Partner, Ropers Majeski Kohn Bentley PC

Michael R. Ward (JD '96)
Partner, Morrison & Foerster LLP

Jackie H. Xu (JD '96)
General Counsel, Conviva



I came to law school determined to put myself in the best possible position to get a job in a corporate law firm. Law Career Development helped me every step of the way. It felt like they were just as invested in my success as I was.

—Jamil McClintock
College: Brown University
Associate, DLA Piper LLP (JD '13)



Nancy O'Malley
Alameda County District Attorney (JD '83, LLD '12)



Petra Tang
Partner at Berry, Appleman & Leiden LLP (JD '96)



Bill Hirsh
Executive Director of ALRP (JD '86)

Apply Now

ADMISSIONS

Golden Gate University School of Law strives to admit a diverse group of students who are seeking a rigorous legal education focused on practical, hands-on training in a close-knit, collegial environment. The Admissions Committee uses objective indicators such as LSAT scores and undergraduate transcripts to determine an applicant's readiness to meet the challenges of legal study. Personal statements, resumes, and letters of recommendation further develop the committee's understanding of each applicant's potential for success.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed and signed application form
- Application fee of \$60 (waived until April 1)
- Personal Statement (two pages, double spaced)
- Resume
- Credential Assembly Services (CAS) Report from LSAC that includes a valid LSAT score, a minimum of two letters of recommendation (maximum of four), and copies of all post-secondary transcripts.

TRANSFER AND VISITING STUDENTS

Students seeking to enroll as visiting or transfer students must be currently enrolled at an accredited law school, in good academic standing, and have completed the first year of study. The application must include a current law school transcript, a letter of reference from a law professor, and a letter from the Dean or Registrar at the applicant's current institution. For more information about applying as a transfer or visiting student, visit our website or contact the Office of Admissions.



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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Students who have completed their undergraduate studies outside the United States or Canada must have their transcripts evaluated through the LSAC Credential Assembly Service. A computer-based TOEFL score will be required for any student whose course of study was not completed in English. For more information about applying as an international student, visit our website or contact the Office of Admissions.

HOUSING

Golden Gate University School of Law's location in the heart of downtown San Francisco allows students to commute easily from anywhere in the greater Bay Area. Many GGU Law students live in the city, while others reside in the surrounding communities of the East Bay (Oakland, Alameda, and Berkeley), the North Bay (Mill Valley and San Rafael) or the Peninsula (Daly City, South San Francisco, and San Bruno). We update and circulate a comprehensive Housing Resource Guide every year that provides detailed descriptions of Bay Area neighborhoods, approximate rents, and information about public transit and other services to help you get settled in your new home.

The Admissions Office also offers individualized assistance to help admitted students find suitable housing, including a facilitated Roommate Matching Service for those who wish to live with other GGU Law students.

Financial Aid

Golden Gate University School of Law awards Dean's and Faculty merit scholarships in varying amounts to qualified entering students. All applicants are automatically considered for these awards. Graduates of California's UC and CSU systems are also considered for California Scholarships, which honor GGU Law's longstanding relationship with California's public universities. In addition, special scholarships are granted to students whose applications show a strong commitment to public service or environmental law.

A variety of federal and private loan programs may be available to entering students. Our experienced Financial Aid staff works with new students to demystify the financial aid process and help them make wise borrowing choices. Applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after January 1 to be evaluated for loan eligibility.



YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM

Golden Gate University School of Law is a national leader in military support, proudly participating in the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program, a provision of the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Eligible students may have the entire cost of tuition met by a combination of scholarships and Yellow Ribbon Program funding.

Visit <http://law.ggu.edu/clinics-and-centers/veterans/> for more information.



SCHOLARSHIPS AND SALARY ASSISTANCE

The Public Interest Scholars Program grants \$5,000 annual scholarships to select entering students with extensive public service experience. In addition, GGU Law pays the employer's portion of a work-study award for students working for public interest organizations and government agencies during the summer.

LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LRAP)

LRAP offers assistance to graduates employed in low-paying public interest jobs, helping them meet their financial obligations as they pursue careers serving the public good. Speak with our Career Development Counselors once you have enrolled for more information on LRAP.

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FOUNDATION (PILF)

PILF is a student-led group that raises funds to benefit students working in public interest internships during the summer and fall. Over the years, they have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, enabling students to accept unpaid legal positions at government, nonprofit, and environmental organizations.



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